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# Abuses of power are over, says CIA director

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"You don't get to be a four-star admiral without seeing some warfare. And there was some warfare out there tonight."

The speaker was Dr. Vincent Davis, head of the Patterson School of Diplomacy at the University of Kentucky. He was referring to the events surrounding a speech by Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, at UK Wednesday night.

The "warfare" resulted in the arrest of 12 persons, including one juvenile, who were charged with disrupting a public assembly at the UK student center.

Most of those arrested are members of the Iranian Students Association, which alleges that the CIA has trained and armed SAVAK, the Iranian secret police. The students' association says that SAVAK commits murder and torture to enforce the rule of the Shah of Iran.

Turner was here to explain that the CIA's "bad old days" are over — that a new era of oversight is here, and that abuses of power will no longer happen.

"If anything happens that's a high risk, I make the tough decisions," he said at a press conference. "Our agents know that."

A member of the Patterson school's advisory board, he delivered his talk to about 600 persons as part of the John Sherman Cooper lecture series.

Ironically, his visit coincided with the release of serious allegations about CIA activity by a New York magazine, *Outside*. The magazine says that the CIA lost a nuclear generator in an avalanche in the Himalayas in 1965.

The magazine says scientists fear the device's casing will corrode, releasing radioactive waste into the headwaters of the Ganges River, imperiling hundreds of thousands of Indians.

Turner refused to comment on the report, saying only, "We never discuss operations, present or past. Besides, I wouldn't take what *Rolling Stone* says at face value." *Outside* is a *Rolling Stone* publication.

Here is the chain of events surrounding Turner's speech:

By 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, 30 minutes before the talk was to begin, 56 persons were marching outside the student center. Most of them carried placards with slogans such as "CIA,

Get out of Iran" and "Down with the Shah, U. S. Puppet".

By 7:15, many of the marchers had moved inside to the rear of the grand ballroom, site of Turner's talk.

Turner, wearing a gray suit and glowing from a suntan, waited in an anteroom, fiddling with the cuffs of his white shirt.

Around 7:25, Joe Burch, UK dean of students, huddled with the demonstrators, telling them they would not be allowed to hold their signs: they were told to leave the posters on the floor "or face the consequences." Some students dropped their placards into a pile. Others refused.

"What will happen if I don't put down my sign?" asked one.

"You'll be removed," Burch replied.

"How?"

"We'll leave that to the authorities," said Burch.

"Will I be arrested?"

Burch didn't answer. But several minutes later, around 7:45, the protestor had his answer. UK security police, under the direction of chief Paul Harrison, arrested three Iranians who still held their signs.

George Potratz, a UK English professor who had been among the demonstrators, rushed up to Harrison.

"What's going on here?" he asked loudly.

Harrison didn't answer, continuing to supervise the arrests.

"Will you talk to me?" Potratz asked, louder this time.

said, pointing a finger at Potratz' chest.

Moments later, at 7:50, Turner and Davis took the stage to a mixed reaction: many in the crowd stood and cheered; others jeered. Even as Davis was introducing his old friend, the CIA director, two more arrests were made.

"Do you want to pick me up and carry me out, or what?" a girl asked the UK police chief.

"I don't want to do anything to you," Harrison replied. "I just want you to put down that sign."

She refused and was arrested, as was a male companion. That brought the arrest total to six before Turner had said a word.

Six more arrests followed during Turner's speech. They resulted from three separate incidents in which Iranian protestors moved through the crowd carrying large cloth banners.

Davis condemned the conduct of most of the protestors. "These people were here lamenting the loss of personal freedom in their own country," he said. "And yet they were abusing this man's freedom to speak and be heard."

After the speech, about 40 protestors returned to the student center lawn, marching and chanting. "This was a good demonstration," said one who refused to be identified.

"We got arrests. When you get arrests, that means it's a big demonstration."

The 11 adults and one juvenile were booked at Fayette County Detention Center. Bail was set at \$2,000 each and many were released on their own recognizance.

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